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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Record Group 38

Series: Records of Duty Locations for Naval Intelligence Personnel, 1942 – 1945

What information is in these records?

The records contain the following information about the military intelligence personnel attached to Naval Group China during World War II: name, rank or rate of pay, branch of service, muster roll date of reporting or detachment, date and duty location approximately every two weeks. There are multiple records for individual naval officers and sailors indicating changes in their location inside and outside of China, rank or rate of pay, and unit over time.

Why were these records created?

Naval stations and commands prepared muster roll reports throughout World War II to provide a record of the physical locations and changes in the rank or pay rate of naval personnel. The records were used to prepare summary reports.

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